



**Health & Beauty Solutions**

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On 1 June 2007, a new EU regulatory framework for chemicals known as **REACH** (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and restriction of CHemicals) went into effect. Amongst other obligations, REACH will require the registration of chemical substances, followed by an evaluation process. In this process the substances on their own, in preparations or in articles are evaluated in respect to health, safety and environmental aspects when manufactured, stored and used. The registration process will stretch over the next 11 years and will be preceded, for the so-called phase in substances, by a pre-registration phase (1 June 2008 - 1 December 2008).

Microsponge®, PolyPore®, and Polytrap® polymers do not have EINECS numbers assigned to them; therefore, they cannot be pre-registered. The monomers which comprise these polymers will be pre-registered by their respective manufacturers, and AMCOL HBS's uses will be included in the pre-registration.

If the regulations change and polymers require registration, we will address them at that time. The AMCOL HBS products listed in the following table are the only products which contain substances which will be pre-registered by November 30, 2008. The products below are exported to the EU in quantities of 1 metric tonne or more annually. All other AMCOL HBS products are not; therefore, they are exempt from registration.

<b>Trade Name</b>
POLYTRAP® 6603 Adsorber
POLYTRAP® 6035 Cyclomethicone
MACROBEAD® 6038 Mineral Oil
MACROBEAD® 7100 Dimethicone
Microsponge® 5647 Glycerin
Magnabrite S
Magnabrite F
Magnabrite K
Polargel 44NF
Polargel NF
Volclay NFBC

AMCOL Health & Beauty Solutions has appointed a REACH Implementation Team. This team will continue to closely monitor the development of the EU legislation on REACH amongst others by actively cooperating with its industry association (IMA-Europe - [www.ima-europe.eu](http://www.ima-europe.eu)) for the follow up of further legislative developments. If there is a need to register any materials, we will seek to join a consortium registration of this material to ensure continued supply. Our objective is to ensure timely REACH compliance with no or minimum business disruption for our customers.

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